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## SUMMARY.

King Edward received Signor Marconi at Buckingham Palace on Friday.

It has been arranged that the first instalment of the war indemnity to Germany shall be paid on March 15, and that the blockades shall receive 30 per cent. of the March Customs receipts.

Italy, in deference to the protest of Mr. H. W. Boven, the Venezuelan representative, has withdrawn her claim for an indemnity for the payment of her Robert Hart returns.

Mr. Louis Botha, Mr. Dalrymple, and Mr. Jacobs have despatched a deputation to Transvaal to demand that the South African Council is compelled in the heat of war to serve the country.

Two men have been arrested in New York on a charge of defrauding life insurance companies by substituting robust men for decrepit and infirm claimants, who were then misrepresenting their physical condition.

It is stated that their combined sum of this nature defrauded is of \$200,000.

Lieutenant Lawrence-Grove, in the ship of H. M. S. "Hood," has captured five pirate ships, and has taken 60 prisoners.

Mr. Chamberlain had a mixed reception at Great Yarmouth, where the local people were enthusiastic, but the visitors were dull.

He appealed to the Dutch to abandon their irascible attitude and to give proof of their loyalty by abandoning the boycotting of loyalists.

Mr. Hofmeyr, a leader of the Afrikaner Bond, is invited to have a private audience with the Prime Minister, who has invited Mr. Chamberlain to appear before him.

The workmen were injured at Barrow-in-Furness by an explosion of gunpowder while the battery of one of the naval vessels was being constructed and were discharged.

Edward Edwards, convicted of the Cambridge murders in London, has been sentenced to death.

A serious collision occurred early yesterday morning off Bradby's Head between the steamers "Wakato" and "Wakamai," en route for Milford Sound, and the "Wakamai" was forced to turn back.

The "Wakamai" received the worse damage, and was unable to proceed to Neutral Bay, her crew having been exhausted, and her engineers and friends withdrawn several minutes before she took the ground.

The steamer of "Erima" was crushed inward, but managed to get into the wharf in safety.

One was injured in the collision.

At a meeting of railway employees yesterday Mr. H. Richardson explained the New Zealand railway employees' superannuation scheme.

A motion was then carried in favour of establishing a railway committee to consider the scheme for the benefit of all.

At a meeting a committee has been appointed to operate with the Sydney committee for this purpose.

A little child has been found shot through the heart at O'Brien.

Mr. H. Reid, in an interview yesterday, was very high of his companion wherever he spoke of his visit to the Orient.

The members of the association made monthly contributions to a large majority of the people of that State in favour of free trade.

At Dolgate the harvest returns are reported to be excellent. Some grain has been sent to the potato crop by boat.

Mr. Seddon, speaking at New Plymouth, said he had reason to believe that the \$1,250,000 loss had been placed in London would be reduced.

He also announced that if the efforts of Mr. Cadman should not be introduced, the iron industry shall wait the State would stop.

For next session Mr. Seddon made a promise that legislation should be introduced to prevent the public against fraud, every package of tea being stamped with the name of the company or of the tea.

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## MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL

Saturday Evening.

The only business reported on the Stock Exchange to-day was in Australian Gaslight at £16 16s; Mercantile Mutual Insurance 13s, and City of Goulburn Gaslight 4s 6d, the price prior in each case. The situation with Wood Brothers was 41 higher. Within the week the volume of business was negligible, and the market fairly steady. New South Wales Treasury Bills have risen 1s. Bank of New South Wales 1s; Union of Australia 1d; United Insurance 2s 6d; Castlemaine 1d; Northern and Colonial Sugar 4s; Fresh Food 3s 1d; and Permanent 1s 6d, each rather lower. Closing quotations to-day were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount share.	Price.
STOCK CO.	1,000,000	100	100
Art. 1875	1,000,000	100	100
Art. 1876	1,000,000	100	100
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Art. 1878	1,000,000	100	100
Art. 1879	1,000,000	100	100
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